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SUBJECT: SELF-HELP FOR KENYA'S NORTHEASTERN PROVINCE

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1. WE HAVE LOOKED WITH INTEREST AT PROPOSAL REFTTEL FOR RAPID ASSISTANCE TO NORTHEASTERN PROVINCE. WE AGREE THAT SPECIAL SELF-HELP CAN PROVIDE QUICK IMPACT. HOWEVER, ENTIRE DOLS 1.5 MILLION AVAILABLE IN FY 78 FOR SPECIAL SELF-HELP FOR AFRICA UNDER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUDGFT HAS BEEN ALLOTTED TO AF POSTS. THERE ARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR REALLOCATION TO KENYA AT PRESENT. AS WE GET CLOSER TO END OF FISCAL YEAR, WE NORMALLY HAVE SOME FALL-OUT FUNDS AVAILABLE, AS A FEW POSTS FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBLIGATE ENTIRE ALLOTMENT, WHICH CAN THEN BE REALLOCATED TO POSTS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT DOLS 30,000 ADDITIONAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE
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FOR REALLOCATION AT ONE TIME. MOREOVER, THERE ARE TWO POSTS ALREADY ON WAITING LIST FOR FY 78 FALL-OUT FUNDS.

2. IN ABSENCE OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FALL-OUT FUNDS, WE HAVE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

A. POST MAY WISH TO USE PORTION OF ITS EXISTING DOLS

10,000 SSH ALLOTMENT FOR NORTHEAST PROJECTS, IF THESE FUNDS ARE NOT ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED. WE HAVE RECORD OF ONLY DOLS 3,900 IN OBLIGATIONS FOR KENYA IN FY 78.

B. ALTHOUGH SSH WOULD BE QUICKEST ACTING FUNDING DEVICE, MISSION MIGHT LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF USING AID'S ACCELERATED IMPACT PROGRAM (AIP) FUNDS TO FINANCE PROJECT IN NORTHEAST. AIP PROVIDES FUNDS ON QUICK REACTION BASIS FOR PILOT ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE RURAL SELF-HELP, REACH SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF RURAL PEOPLE, AND TEACH PRODUCTIVE SKILLS. THE AID MISSION MUST SUBMIT A PROJECT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT TO AID/W FOR APPROVAL, BUT WITH APPROVAL FIELD CAN ITSELF FINALIZE (ABBREVIATED) PROJECT PAPER FOR APPROVAL BY USAID MISSION DIRECTOR. GUIDANCE ON FY 1978 AIP PROCEDURES CONTAINED STATE 266868 (AIDAC).

B. WE HAVE PUT KENYA ON WAITING LIST FOR SSH FALL-OUT FUNDS, WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ANY ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS FROM EXISTING DOLS 10,000 ALLOTMENT. MEANWHILE, SUGGEST YOU STAFF OUT ADDITIONAL SSH PROJECTS IN NORTHEAST PROVINCE SO YOU CAN USE ANY FALLOUT FUNDS THAT DEVELOP. COOPER

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